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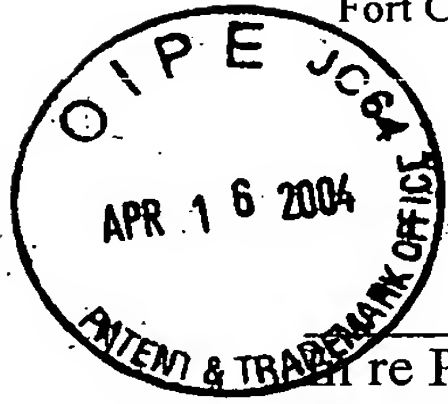
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For: THERMALLY OPTIMIZED COLD
CATHODE HEATER

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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

A copy of each reference on the Form PTO-1449 is attached. Included with this Information Disclosure Statement is a reproduction of a photograph showing a cold cathode lamp disposed in a scanner carriage assembly. The cold cathode lamp has a heating element applied externally thereto as shown in the photograph. Applicant believes that a scanner having a cold cathode lamp adapted as shown in the photograph was offered for sale more than one year before the filing date of the present patent application.

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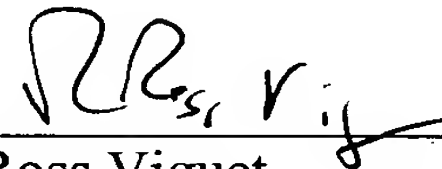
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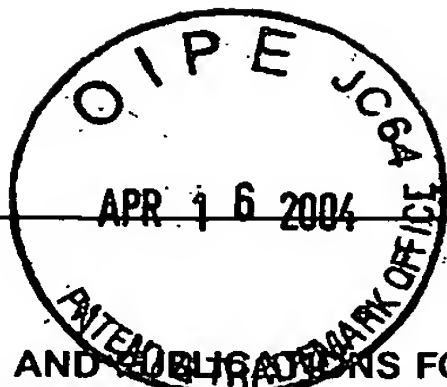
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